



In this Feb. 24, 2015 file photo, Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass. is seen on Capitol Hill in Washington. Senate leaders said Tuesday that Democrats have enough votes to block action on President Barack Obama's trade initiatives unless the parties can work out disagreements on how to package various bills.

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Senate Dems block action on Obama's trade agenda

CHARLES BABINGTON
Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Democrats dealt President Barack Obama a stinging setback on trade Tuesday, blocking efforts to

begin a full-blown debate on a top priority of his second term. The president's supporters said they will try again, and Obama summoned key Democrats to the White

House to discuss possible strategies. One possibility was to drop a contentious issue dealing with countries that manipulate their currency, but it was unclear whether that would resolve

the impasse. What was clear, however, was that Obama suffered a rebuke from his own party, led by some who served with him in the Senate. Only one Senate Demo-

crat, Tom Carper, voted for a Republican-drafted motion to start considering Obama's request for "fast track" trade authority.

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U.S. Marine helicopter missing in Nepal earthquake aid mission

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A U.S. military helicopter carrying six Marines and two

cials are hopeful that the aircraft is simply missing because there has been no smoke or other signs of a crash.

Because of the rugged mountainous terrain, the helicopter could have landed in a low area but the Marines may not be able to get a beacon or radio signal out, Warren said. He added that U.S.

airborne para-rescue forces have rehearsed rescue missions, and are ready to go if needed.

The aircraft is part of Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 469, and the incident is under investiga-

tion.

There are about 300 U.S. troops in Nepal assisting with the rescue mission, using a variety of aircraft including three Hueys, four Ospreys and several cargo planes. □



US soldiers unload Huey helicopters from a US Air Force Boeing C-17 Globemaster III after the same landed at the Tribhuvan International Airport in Kathmandu, Nepal, Sunday, May 3, 2015. The aircraft brought in much needed rescue helicopters to fly relief materials and medicine to remote mountainous villages affected by the April 25 earthquake.

Associated Press

Nepalese Army soldiers went missing during a mission in Nepal delivering aid to earthquake victims, U.S. defense officials said Tuesday, but so far there have been no indications that the aircraft crashed. U.S. Army Col. Steve Warren said an Indian helicopter in the air nearby at the time heard radio chatter from the Marine aircraft about a possible fuel problem. He said the Huey, carrying tarps and rice, had dropped off supplies in one location and was en route to a second site when contact was lost. He said offi-

Navy Capt. Chris Sims says the Huey was conducting disaster relief operations near Charikot, Nepal, on Tuesday. Warren said a Nepalese air brigade unit had seen the Huey, so Marines in V-22 Osprey aircraft searched near that last known location for about 90 minute but found nothing. Because it's now dark, members of the Nepalese Army are conducting the search on foot. Warren said they are moving toward the second aid location to see if the helicopter landed near there.



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In this May 8, 2015, photo, President Barack Obama speaks at Nike headquarters in Beaverton, Ore. A much-anticipated Senate vote on trade will pack some suspense Tuesday, but it won't be the final word, no matter how it turns out. Supporters of President Barack Obama's trade agenda need 60 votes in the 100-member Senate merely to start a full-blown debate on the legislation.

Associated Press

Fast track would let the president present trade agreements like the nearly completed Trans-Pacific

Partnership and other trade pacts that Congress can ratify or reject, but not amend.

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Proponents needed 60 votes to thwart a Democratic filibuster, but managed only 52 in the 100-member Senate. Tuesday's vote highlighted the deep divide between Obama and the many congressional Democrats who say such trade deals hurt U.S. jobs. Leading the fight against fast track are labor unions and liberal groups, which are crucial to many Democrats' elections. Most Republican lawmakers support free-trade agreements. They were in the strange position Tuesday of losing a vote but seeing the Democratic president take the blame. "It is the president's party,"

Senate Dems

said Republican Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah. "It's amazing to me that they would do this to the president on a bill of this magnitude."

Sen. John Thune, a Republican, said Democrats were "throwing their own president under the bus." Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, a Republican, called the results "pretty shocking," but he said the "door remains open" for trade legislation.

Democratic Sen. Bill Nelson took a darker view, however. "Maybe what McConnell really wants to do is embarrass the president," he said, referring to McConnell's refusal to grant Democrats' demands about assembling the legislative trade package.

Several Democrats said Obama erred last weekend by pointedly criticizing a leading Democratic foe on trade, Sen. Elizabeth Warren, in an interview with Yahoo News. He suggested Warren was poorly informed and politically motivated.

Sen. Sherrod Brown, another strong opponent on trade, told reporters that Obama "was disrespectful to her by the way he did that," and "made this more personal than he needed to." Brown said he suspects Obama regrets the remarks.

The administration had planned to invite Senate Democrats to the White House on Monday to discuss trade, but it canceled the event, citing conflicts with a Senate vote on an-

other matter.

Shortly before the Senate roll call began, White House spokesman Josh Earnest said some Democrats would vote against Tuesday's procedural motion but ultimately support fast track for the president. Numerous Senate Democrats said they would back fast track only if Republican leaders cleared a path for three other trade measures.

One, to renew the African Growth and Opportunity Act, is uncontroversial.

The second calls for Trade Adjustment Assistance, which provides federal aid to workers displaced by trade agreements. Republicans don't like it, but reluctantly acknowledge it's the price for winning even modest Democratic support.

The third bill, involving Customs enforcement, is the stickiest. It includes a measure to take actions against countries that keep their currency artificially low, which makes their exports more attractive. The Obama administration opposes "currency manipulation" measures, saying they could invite international challenges to the Federal Reserve's policies meant to boost the U.S. economy.

McConnell said that only two of the bills — fast track and Trade Adjustment Assistance — would be the subject of initial votes, but senators would have ample chances to address the other two bills during the amendment process. □

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White officer will not be charged in Wisconsin shooting

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Associated Press

MADISON, Wisconsin (AP)

— A white Wisconsin police officer won't be charged for fatally shooting an unarmed 19-year-old biracial man, a prosecutor announced Tuesday, prompting peaceful demonstrations but none of the immediate violence that has hit some other U.S. cities.

Dane County District Attorney Ismael Ozanne said he wouldn't file charges against Madison Officer Matt Kenny in the March 6 death of Tony Robinson, saying the officer used lawful deadly force after he was staggered by a punch to the head and feared for his life.

The shooting was another in a series of police confrontations that have ignited racial tension across the U.S. in the past year. Most recently in Baltimore, riots erupted after the funeral for Freddie Gray, a black man who suffered a fatal spinal injury while in police custody. Other high-profile cases of officers killing unarmed black residents include the deaths of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri; Eric Garner in New York City; and Walter Scott in North Charleston, South Carolina.

Six officers involved in Gray's death have been charged, as has the officer who killed Scott. Grand juries declined to charge the officers involved in Brown's and Garner's deaths. Ozanne, mopping his brow repeatedly but speaking forcefully for some 25 minutes, took pains to outline his own biracial heritage before announcing his decision.

"I am the son of a black woman who still worries about my safety," Ozanne said. "I am a man who understands the pain of unjustified profiling and I am the first district attorney of color not only in Dane County but in the state of Wisconsin."

sin."

Then, Ozanne walked through evidence from the scene, emergency callers, Robinson's friends, police affidavits, crime lab reports and more to paint a picture of a young man out of control from a mix of hallucinogenic mushrooms, marijuana and Xanax. Officer Kenny rushed to the apartment building, and immediately became concerned that Robinson was attacking someone upstairs. He fired his weapon only after he was punched in the head and feared he might be disarmed and killed, Ozanne said.

"I conclude that (Robinson's) tragic and unfortunate death was the result of a lawful use of deadly police force and that no charges should be brought against Officer Kenny in the death of Tony Robinson Jr.," Ozanne said. He quickly wrapped up and left to meet Robinson family members.

Robinson's mother, Andrea Irwin, said she was not surprised by the decision. The investigation wasn't thorough enough, she said.

"They could have done a lot. What they didn't do was give my son any respect," she said. But family members, as they have since the shooting, asked that protests remain peaceful.

About 100 people gathered at Robinson's apartment house in the wake of Ozanne's decision. One of them, Jivonte Davis, 19, said he had known Robinson since the fifth grade.

"I can go out and break stuff and do anything I want right now," Davis said. "But rioting and everything, what would that achieve? We're no Ferguson, we're no Baltimore. We're going to do this the right way. We're going to do this peacefully."

The protesters, eventually estimated by police at 250 to 300 people, began marching to the state



Dane County District Attorney Ismael Ozanne speaks during a press conference at the Dane County Public Safety Building in Madison, Wis. Tuesday, May 12, 2015.

Associated Press

gan marching to the state Capitol about 1.5 miles (2.4 kilometers) away. Some had dogs and strollers and were bound for a nearby church for a prayer service.

Marchers chanted "No justice, no peace, no racist police," and held a banner that read "Justice for Tony." They eventually dispersed. □

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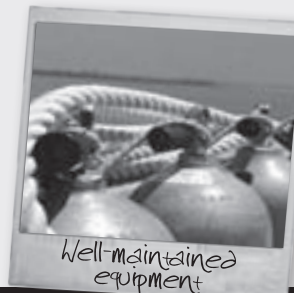
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Obama library locale a lift to Chicago hometown's South Side



In this March 3, 2015 file photo, President Barack Obama, accompanied by first lady Michelle Obama, speaks in the East Room of the White House in Washington.

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Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — President Barack Obama will establish his presidential library on the South Side of Chicago, a part of the city where his political career began and where some of the issues that he plans to devote himself to when he leaves

the White House are playing out on the streets. The Barack Obama Foundation made official Tuesday what had been widely expected, that the library will be erected on a site proposed by the University of Chicago. The location was selected over bids made by Columbia University in New York, the Univer-

sity of Hawaii and the University of Illinois at Chicago. "With a library and a foundation on the South Side of Chicago, not only will we be able to encourage and effect change locally, but what we can also do is to attract the world to Chicago," Obama said in a video accompanying the release. "All the strands of my

life came together and I really became a man when I moved to Chicago."

The library, to be located in one of two public parks near campus, is expected to be a boon to nearby communities that struggle with gang violence, drugs, and unemployment. The University of Chicago has said the library and its 800,000 expected visitors a year will translate into dozens of new businesses, thousands of jobs and tens of millions of dollars in revenue.

While the choice was not a surprise — people with direct knowledge of the decision told The Associated Press and other media nearly two weeks ago that it was the winner — sewing up the deal was less smooth than expected. Questions lingered for months about whether the library could legally be built on park land as the university proposed, because the university had not secured the land.

Those questions triggered a flurry of activity, with the City Council approving an ordinance to transfer the land and state lawmakers passing a bill reinforcing the city's right to use the park land for the library as well as "Star Wars" creator

George Lucas' proposed lakefront museum.

But the bid was still considered a front-runner, in large part because the president once taught constitutional law at the university, the first lady once worked as an administrator at the University of Chicago Medical Center and they still have a family home nearby.

In the video, Obama cited Chicago as the place he was able to apply his "early idealism to try to work in communities in public service" as well as being where he met his wife and their children were born.

Added first lady Michelle Obama: "Every value, every memory, every important relationship to me exists in Chicago. I consider myself a South Sider."

As a place to tell the president's life story, Mayor Rahm Emanuel noted that the chapter about the president's days as a community organizer happened just outside what will be the doors of the library.

"This is where President Obama's journey began in public life," Emanuel said Tuesday. "He walked these streets, knocked on these doors." □

U.S. man pleads not guilty to new charge in Capitol case

DAN SEWELL
Associated Press

CINCINNATI (AP) — A 21-year-old man accused of plotting to attack the U.S. Capitol in support of Islamic State extremists pleaded not guilty Tuesday to the latest federal charge against him.

An indictment last week added a fourth count against Christopher Lee Cornell. The charge of material support to a U.S.-

designated foreign terrorist organization carries a potential sentence of up to 15 years in prison with conviction.

Federal authorities said Cornell offered support and resources, including himself, to extremists with the Islamic State group.

Karen Savir, an assistant federal public defender representing Cornell, told a magistrate during a brief hearing that her client was

pleading not guilty. The shackled prisoner, standing next to her, had replied with a soft "yeah" to U.S. Magistrate Stephanie Bowman's questions about understanding his rights.

Cornell has been held without bond since his Jan. 14 arrest. His father has said Cornell was coerced by an informer.

He earlier pleaded not guilty to the other counts. The charges of attempted

murder of U.S. officials and employees and of solicitation to commit a crime of violence carry potential 20-year prison sentences. Cornell also faces a firearms-related charge carrying a mandatory minimum of five years, with a maximum of life in prison.

U.S. authorities are on alert for "lone wolf" terrorist plots inspired by the Islamic State extremist group. Concerns have heightened after two

gunmen were shot dead recently while trying to attack an event in Garland, Texas, that featured cartoon images of the Prophet Muhammad.

The FBI has said Cornell, who uses the Muslim name of Raheel Mahrus Ubaydah, wanted to "wage jihad" by attacking the Capitol with pipe bombs and shooting government officials and employees. □



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U.S. records biggest budget surplus in 7 years

MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A flood of tax payments pushed government receipts to an all-time high in April and left the country with the largest monthly budget surplus in seven years. In its monthly budget report, the Treasury Department said Tuesday that the April surplus totaled \$156.7 billion, up from a surplus of \$106.9 billion a year earlier. It was the largest surplus since April 2008.

Government receipts totaled \$471.8 billion, the largest monthly total on record. Receipts for the first seven months of the budget came to \$1.89 trillion, the biggest seven-month total ever. Tax receipts have climbed thanks to an improving economy, which has boosted individual and corporate tax payments. Through the first seven months of the budget year that began in October, the deficit totaled \$282.8 billion, 7.7 percent below last year.

The Congressional Budget Office is forecasting a full-year deficit of \$486 billion,

roughly on par with the previous year.

From October through April, revenues totaled \$1.89 trillion, up 8.9 percent from the same period last year. Individual payroll taxes and Social Security taxes are running 6 percent higher than a year ago, while individual taxes on stock dividends, capital gains and payments by the self-employed are running 17 percent above last year. Government outlays over the past seven months totaled \$2.17 trillion, up 6.4 percent from the same period a year ago.

The 2014 deficit was down from \$680.2 billion in 2013. Before 2013, the U.S. had recorded four straight years of annual deficits above \$1 trillion, reflecting the impact of a severe financial crisis and the worst recession since the Great Depression of the 1930s. President Barack Obama in February unveiled a budget for 2016 — his final full year in office — that seeks authorization from Congress to spend \$4 trillion next year. It projects a deficit of \$474 billion.



In this April 17, 2015 file photo, Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew speaks during a news conference during the International Monetary Fund and World Bank meetings in Washington. The U.S. Treasury releases federal budget for April on Tuesday, May 13, 2015.

Associated Press

Obama's budget would boost spending on domestic programs such as increased road construction while raising taxes by \$2 trillion over the next decade by expanding levies on the wealthy, corporations and smokers.

Republicans have attacked Obama's proposed

tax increases and the fact that his budget plan never reaches balance. A GOP budget cleared Congress earlier this month. It sets a potential path for a balanced budget within a decade by cutting spending at domestic agencies and government benefit programs like Medicaid and

food stamps.

Democrats charged that the GOP budget only balances on paper because Republican lawmakers will balk at approving the follow-up legislation that would enact the painful cuts needed to achieve balance without raising taxes. □

Amtrak train crashes in Philadelphia, wreckage 'pretty bad'

MICHAEL R. SISAK
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — An Amtrak passenger train headed to New York City derailed and crashed in Philadelphia on Tuesday night, and several people appeared to be injured.

Train 188, a Northeast Regional, had left Washington, D.C., earlier Tuesday. The front of the train was going into a turn when it shook.

An Associated Press employee, Paul Cheung, was

on the train and said it appeared it went off the tracks. He said he was fortunate to be at the back of the train and the front of it "looks pretty bad." He said he saw "some people mangled up."

Police swarming around the crash site, in Port Richmond, a working-class area, told people to get back, away from the train. They pleaded with curious onlookers: "Do not go to scene of derailment. Please allow 1st responders

room to work."

Roads all around the crash site were blocked off. Waves of firefighters continuing toward the train cars, taking people out. Several injured people, including one man complaining of neck pain, were rolled away on stretchers. Others wobbled while walking away. An elderly woman was given oxygen. Former U.S. Rep. Patrick Murphy was on the train and said he helped people. He tweeted photos of firefighters helping people

in the wreckage.

"Pray for those injured," he said.

The cause of the crash was unknown. Amtrak said it was aware of the derailment and would provide updates later. The National Transportation Safety Board said Tuesday night it was gathering information about the derailment.

Another Amtrak train crashed on Sunday. That train, bound for New Orleans, struck a flatbed truck at a railway crossing

in Amite, killing the truck's driver and injuring two people on the train.

In March, at least 55 people were injured when an Amtrak train collided with a tractor-trailer that was stuck on the tracks in North Carolina.

Port Richmond, the site of Tuesday's crash, is one of five neighborhoods in what's known as Philadelphia's River Wards, dense rowhouse neighborhoods located off the Delaware River. □

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'Hard decision' for judge ruling on John Hinckley's freedom

JESSICA GRESKO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A judge deciding whether President Ronald Reagan's would-be assassin can live full-time outside a mental hospital said Tuesday that it's a "very hard decision," but one he knew he would have to make eventually when he "opened the door a crack" for John Hinckley Jr. a dozen years ago.

"I knew this day would come. How could it not? That doesn't make the decision any easier," Judge Paul L. Friedman said at the end of a seven-day hearing on Hinckley's freedom. Friedman has incrementally expanded Hinckley's freedom since ruling in 2003 that he could leave St. Elizabeth's hospital for

daylong visits with his family. Hinckley now spends 17 days a month at his mother's home in Williamsburg, Virginia, south of Washington, and the hospital and his lawyers say he's ready to live there full-time. The government wants more restrictions, to ensure Hinckley won't be a danger.

The judge seems to be preparing to allow Hinckley to live full-time with his 89-year-old mother, as long as he abides by certain restrictions. He asked both sides to draft a roadmap for what that might look like, working together on a document that lays out the restrictions they can agree on as well as where they disagree.

There are many points of agreement, the judge not-



Barry Levin, attorney for John Hinckley arrives at U.S. District Court in Washington, Tuesday, May 12, 2015. A judge who will decide whether to let the would-be assassin of President Ronald Reagan live full time outside a mental hospital will hear closing arguments in the case.

Associated Press

ed. Both sides agree Hinckley, who turns 60 this month, must continue to see a psychiatrist and therapist. They also agree he should make

at least monthly visits to St. Elizabeth's, where he has lived since being found not guilty by reason of insanity in the 1981 shooting that

injured Reagan and three others. They agree there should be certain restrictions on his travel.

But prosecutors also want more stringent conditions, including requiring Hinckley to create a weekly itinerary saying where he will go and putting a GPS tracking device on the car he uses. They also want Hinckley to start wearing a monitoring bracelet on his ankle, a condition the judge suggested he would not agree to.

Prosecutor Colleen Kennedy said the proposal made by St. Elizabeth's and Hinckley's lawyers is "not a safe plan."

Barry Levine, Hinckley's long-time attorney, called the government's proposal "punitive," and told the judge the law requires that Hinckley be allowed to live under least restrictive conditions that ensure the public's safety.

The mental illness that drove Hinckley to shoot Reagan in a delusional effort to impress actress Jodie Foster has been in full and sustained remission for years, Levine has said. □

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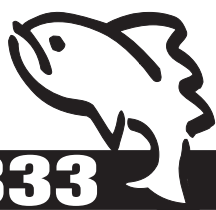


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Dr. Oz aids 2 people injured in New Jersey highway crash

WESTAMPTON, N.J. (AP) — Emergency responders say Dr. Mehmet Oz helped them out by treating two people injured in a week-end car crash on the New Jersey Turnpike.

The celebrity doctor saw the single-car crash happen Saturday night near Exit 6 along the turnpike. Officials say he stopped his vehicle and ran to help.

When a Westampton Township emergency services crew arrived, they were surprised to find Oz

already providing aid. They say he helped stabilize one person's spine and provided them with details about both victims' injuries and conditions upon their arrival.

"He was very helpful and very thorough, a lot of help to our crew," Westampton Chief Jason Carty said Tuesday. "It obviously was a surprise for them to get on scene and see a TV celebrity helping out the injured people."

Carty said the two people

hurt in the crash were taken to a hospital where they were treated for minor injuries.

Oz's spokesman says there have been many instances where the doctor has come to the aid of injured or ailing people. In 2013, Oz rushed to the scene when a taxi jumped the curb and struck a pedestrian near his TV studio in New York City. Oz was dubbed "America's doctor" by Oprah Winfrey, who launched his show in 2009. □



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Human rights team concerned by torture allegations in Mexico

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A team of outside experts investigating Mexico's handling of the disappearance of 43 students said Monday some of those arrested in relation to the case have said they were tortured, which could affect the outcome if true.

The team from the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights also said on its third visit to Mexico that it was concerned that there were currently 13 different criminal proceedings spread across six courts in different locations. It suggested the cases be combined before a single judge.

Spaniard Carlos Beristain said in a news conference that the team had interviewed 16 of the more than 100 people detained following the disappearance of the students from the Rural Normal School at Ayotzinapa on Sept. 26. The majority said they were mistreated and tortured, he said.

"Exhaustive analysis of

these complaints is fundamental to avoid that they generate problems later," Beristain said. If it turns out that authorities did not respect the prisoners' rights, "it would be very negative for the process and would have legal consequences." The team was formed to analyze the government's investigation and provide recommendations that could clarify what happened to the students.

The attorney general's office concluded in January that the students were turned over by local police from the city of Iguala to

the gang Guerreros Unidos. The gang killed them and incinerated their remains in a garbage dump outside Cocula. The remains of only one student have been

positively identified.

The students' parents and their advocates do not believe the government's version and maintain that it is based upon the state-

ments of criminals.

The five-member team has a six-month mission, which will conclude at the end of August. □



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No breakthrough as Kerry meets Russia's Putin

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SOCHI, Russia (AP) — The United States and Russia emerged Tuesday from their most extensive, high-level talks in years vowing closer cooperation on Ukraine and Syria but unable to point to any breakthrough or new approach to bridge the major differences separating the two powers.

The atmosphere was cordial and the tone was promising as U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry held eight hours of talks with President Vladimir Putin and his foreign minister in the Black Sea resort of Sochi. Kerry's first trip to Russia since the Ukraine crisis began coincided with the 70th anniversary of the allied defeat of Nazi Germany, and both sides hailed the virtues of U.S.-Russian engagement.

"We didn't come here with an expectation that we were going to define a specific path forward ... or have a major breakthrough," Kerry told reporters at a news conference with Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov. "We came here specifically to have a very full and open dialogue."

The result appeared to be to the liking of Moscow, which had spoken of Kerry's trip as a possibility for "normalizing" relations that have been soured by the civil wars in Ukraine and Syria as well as Russia's treatment of political dissidents and homosexuals and its granting of asylum to former U.S. National Security



U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry speaks with Russian President Vladimir Putin before a bilateral meeting at the presidential residence of Bocharov Ruchey in Sochi, Russia, on Tuesday, May 12, 2015.

Associated Press

Agency contractor Edward Snowden.

The discussions were "useful and positive," said Yuri Ushakov, Putin's foreign affairs adviser.

The agenda, however, appeared to be little more than a compendium of the nations' mixed history of recent diplomatic endeavors. And some issues, such as Russia's annexation last year of Ukraine's Crimea region, weren't publicly spoken of at all.

Kerry and Lavrov promised to work harder to convince Ukraine's warring factions to adhere to a February cease-fire that has been

regularly violated, and on implementing a 2012 U.S.-Russian strategy for a transitional government in Syria that has been a complete failure to date.

And in a surprising moment, the two diplomats issued warnings in turn to Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko not to seek the "liberation" of the Donetsk Airport from rebels in eastern Ukraine as he recently suggested in a speech.

"We would strongly urge him to think twice not to engage in this kind of activity," Kerry said, noting the Ukrainian leader would be putting the cease-fire

in "serious jeopardy." Lavrov said such an offensive would undermine peace efforts. Despite the signs of goodwill, both sides noted their many disagreements. Western nations say Russia supports Ukraine's separatists with arms and manpower, and even directs some battlefield operations — all claims Moscow denies. In return, the Russians bristle at Washington's provision to Ukraine of military assistance in the form of hardware and training.

Kerry was the more deferential, stressing at the news conference the importance of re-establishing

calm in Ukraine over determining which side fired first in each flare-up of violence or whose allegations of wrongdoing were legitimate.

He reiterated a U.S. pledge to roll back some of the economic restrictions on Russia when a cease-fire in Ukraine is completely in place. That cease-fire would include an end to fighting, withdrawal of heavy weapons, unfettered humanitarian access and the release of political prisoners, he said.


Lavrov's ministry, meanwhile, struck a defiant tone even as Kerry was still meeting Putin, blaming Washington for strains in relations and insisting that American economic sanctions would not force Moscow to back down on matters critical to its national interests.

Kerry departed shortly before midnight for a NATO meeting in Turkey. Putin is in Sochi meeting with Russian defense officials for a week.

Ushakov, the Putin adviser, said a possible meeting between the Russian leader and U.S. President Barack Obama wasn't discussed during Tuesday's talks. Both leaders will attend a G-20 economic summit in Turkey in November, however, and he said they could get together then.

Putin and Obama have met several times in recent years on the sidelines of international events. The most recent encounters have all been brief, and Obama canceled a one-on-one summit that had been scheduled in Moscow in August 2013. □

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Smoke rises from Al-Qahira castle, an ancient fortress that was recently taken over by Shiite rebels, following a Saudi-led airstrike in Taiz city, Yemen, Tuesday, May 12, 2015.

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Associated Press

SANAA, Yemen (AP) — With cargo ships poised to launch a desperately needed aid operation in embattled Yemen, a five-day humanitarian cease-fire began Tuesday night, just hours after Saudi-led coalition warplanes struck against Shiite rebels and their allies. There were reports of continued ground fighting in some areas, with security officials and witnesses saying fierce combat broke out about a half hour after the cease-fire began when rebels tried to storm the southern city of Dhale, firing tank shells, rockets and mortars. But no airstrikes by the Saudi-led coalition battling the rebels were reported. The officials and tribal leaders also accused the rebels and their allies of reinforcing their positions. The truce will test the adversaries' desire to enter into peace talks to try to

end the fighting that has killed hundreds of civilians since March. Both sides say they are ready to respond with violence if their opponent breaks the cease-fire. Earlier Tuesday, Iran said it was sending warships to protect an Iranian aid ship steaming toward a Yemeni port held by the rebel fighters, the Iranian state news agency said. The navy escort was denounced by the Pentagon and Saudi Arabia as unnecessary, and raised the possibility of a confrontation near the strategic Bab el-Mandab strait in the Gulf of Aden. The Saudi-led strikes in Yemen came to a halt shortly before the new U.N. envoy, Ismail Ould Cheikh Ahmed, flew into the capital, Sanaa, on his first official visit to the country. He told reporters he planned to meet with the warring parties, including the rebels known as Houthis, and ensure that the cease-fire holds. "We will discuss the humanitarian truce and the Ye-

meni parties' return to the negotiating table," he said. The cease-fire is meant to help ease the suffering of civilians in Yemen, the Arab world's poorest country. Before the cease-fire began, security officials said airstrikes overnight, at dawn and during the morning hours Tuesday hit weapons depots and other military facilities north and south of Sanaa, a sprawling city of some 4 million people. The military air base that is part of the capital's international airport also was targeted. Ten strikes hit Sanaa from dawn until about noon, said the officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to journalists. Fierce fighting between the rebels and forces loyal to exiled President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi also raged in the strategic city of Taiz, southwest of the capital. The rebels and their allies shelled residential areas, with one shell hitting a

bus, killing nine people and wounding 40, officials said. A coalition airstrike targeted the city's al-Qahira castle, where the shelling came from, they said. The Saudis and their allies are seeking the restoration of Hadi, who fled the country in March. Meanwhile, a suspected U.S. drone strike hit a car, killing three al-Qaida fighters near Shabwa province, an area where the extremist group had been sending reinforcements. Witnesses and tribal elders said the vehicle burned and set off secondary explosions from ordnance it had been carrying. They spoke on condition of anonymity out of fear for their safety. The conflict has killed more than 1,400 people — many of them civilians — since March 19, according to the U.N. The country of some 25 million people has endured shortages of food, water, medicine and electricity as a result of a Saudi-led na-

val, air and land blockade. Anticipating the truce, the U.N. refugee agency said it plans to airlift 300 metric tons (330 tons) of sleeping mats, blankets, kitchen sets and plastic sheeting from stockpiles in Dubai. The airlift was part of what it called a "larger aid mobilization underway for a quarter of a million people." The agency also will attempt to distribute aid already stored in Yemen and assess the needs for areas that have been difficult to reach. Separately, the U.N. World Food Program said it was ready to provide emergency food rations to more than 750,000 people. A vessel chartered by the agency arrived in the Red Sea port of Hodeida on Saturday, carrying 250,000 liters (66,050 gallons) of fuel and supplies for other humanitarian agencies. A second vessel is ready to dock with an additional 120,000 liters (31,700 gallons) of fuel. □

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Another deadly earthquake spreads fear and misery in Nepal

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Associated Press

KATHMANDU, Nepal (AP)

— A new earthquake killed dozens of people Tuesday and spread more fear and misery in Nepal, which is still struggling to recover from a devastating quake nearly three weeks ago that left more than 8,000 dead.

A U.S. Marine Corps helicopter carrying six Marines and two Nepalese soldiers was reported missing while delivering disaster aid in northeastern Nepal, U.S. officials said, although there have been no indications the aircraft crashed.

Tuesday's magnitude-7.3 quake, centered midway between Kathmandu and Mount Everest, struck hardest in the foothills of the Himalayas, triggering some landslides, but it also shook the capital badly, sending thousands of terrified people into the streets. Nepal's Parliament was in session when the quake hit, and frightened lawmakers ran for the exits as the building shook and the lights flickered out.

At least 37 people were killed in the quake and more than 1,100 were injured, according to the Home Ministry. But that toll was expected to rise as reports began reaching Kathmandu of people in isolated Himalayan towns and villages being buried under rubble, according to the U.N.'s Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

Tremors radiated across parts of Asia. In neighboring India, at least 16 people were confirmed dead after rooftops or walls collapsed onto them, according to India's Home Ministry. Chinese media reported one death in Tibet.



USAID rescue workers inspect the site of collapsed buildings after an earthquake in Kathmandu, Nepal, Tuesday, May 12, 2015.

Associated Press

The magnitude-7.8 earthquake that hit April 25 killed more than 8,150 and flattened entire villages, leaving hundreds of thousands homeless in the country's worst-recorded quake since 1934. The U.S. Geological Survey said Tuesday's earthquake was the largest aftershock to date of that destructive quake. Tuesday's temblor was deeper, however, coming from a depth of 18.5 kilometers (11.5 miles) versus the earlier one at 15 kilometers (9.3 miles). Shallow earthquakes tend to cause more damage.

At least three people were rescued Tuesday in Kathmandu, while another nine pulled to safety in the district of Dolkha, the government said.

Rescue helicopters were sent to mountain districts where landslides and collapsed buildings may have buried people, the government said. Home Ministry official Laxmi Dhakal said

the Sindhupalchowk and Dolkha districts were the worst hit.

Search parties fanned out to look for survivors in the wreckage of collapsed buildings in Sindhupalchowk's town of Chautara, which had become a hub for humanitarian aid after last month's quake.

Impoverished Nepal appealed for billions of dollars in aid from foreign nations, as well as medical experts to treat the wounded and helicopters to ferry food and temporary shelters to hundreds of thousands left homeless amid unseasonal rains.

In Washington, Navy Capt. Chris Sims said the missing Huey helicopter was conducting disaster relief operations near Charikot, Nepal.

A nearby Indian helicopter heard radio chatter about a possible fuel problem, said U.S. Army Col. Steve Warren. The Huey, carrying tarps and rice, had

dropped off supplies and was headed to a second site when contact was lost, he said, adding that there has been no smoke or other signs of a crash.

A Nepalese air brigade unit had seen the Huey, so Marines in V-22 Osprey aircraft searched unsuccessfully near its last known location for about 90 minutes, Warren said. Members of the Nepalese army are searching on foot because of darkness, he added.

Due to the rugged terrain, the helicopter could have landed in an area where the crew was unable to get a beacon or radio signal out, Warren said.

Tuesday's quake was followed closely by at least 10 strong aftershocks, according to the USGS.

Early reports indicated at least two buildings had collapsed in Kathmandu, though at least one had been unoccupied due to damage it sustained on April 25. Experts say the

earlier quake caused extensive structural damage even in buildings that did not topple, and that many could be in danger of collapse.

Frightened residents in the capital, who had returned to their homes only a few days ago, once again set up tents Tuesday night with plans to sleep in empty fields, parking lots and on sidewalks.

"Everyone was saying the earthquakes are over. ... Now I don't want to believe anyone," said 40-year-old produce vendor Ram Hari Sah as he searched for a spot to pitch the orange tarpaulin to shelter his family. "We are all scared, we are terrified. I would rather deal with mosquitoes and the rain than sleep in the house."

Extra police were sent to patrol ad-hoc camping areas, while drinking water and extra tents were being provided, according to Kathmandu administrator Ek Narayan Aryal.

"I thought I was going to die this time," said Sulav Singh, who rushed with his daughter into a street in the suburban neighborhood of Thapathali. "Things were just getting back to normal, and we get this one." Paul Dillon, a spokesman with the International Organization for Migration, said he saw a man in Kathmandu who had apparently run from the shower with shampoo covering his head. "He was sitting on the ground, crying," Dillon said.

Meanwhile, new landslides blocked mountain roads in the district of Gorkha, one of the regions hit hardest on April 25, while previously damaged buildings collapsed with the latest quake. □

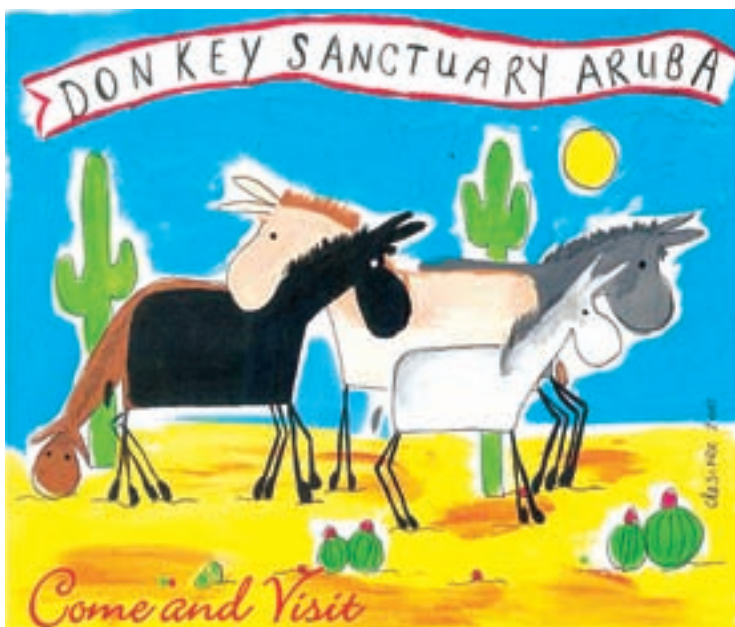


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Mayweather-Pacquiao sets PPV mark with 4.4 million buys

TIM DAHLBERG

AP Boxing Writer

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Floyd Mayweather Jr. and Manny Pacquiao proved a box office smash, even if their welterweight title fight didn't live up to the hype. The May 2 fight obliterated the pay-per-view record, with 4.4 million buys generating more than \$400 million in revenue. With a live gate of nearly \$72 million and other revenue, the bout grossed more than \$600 million and likely made Mayweather more than \$200 million.

Showtime and HBO officials reported the whopping PPV figures Tuesday, saying the fight broke the previous record of 2.48 million buys generated by Mayweather's 2007 fight with Oscar De La Hoya by nearly 2 million buys.

It also nearly tripled the record \$150 million in pay-per-view revenue generated by Mayweather vs. Canelo Alvarez in 2013.

"We did not anticipate this number of buys," said Mark Taffet, who heads PPV operations for HBO. "It reinforces the notion that when you give the fans the fights they demand, they always respond."

Mayweather was the big winner both in the fight and at the bank. He was guaranteed 60 percent of the net revenue to the promotion, while Pacquiao's camp got the remaining 40 percent.

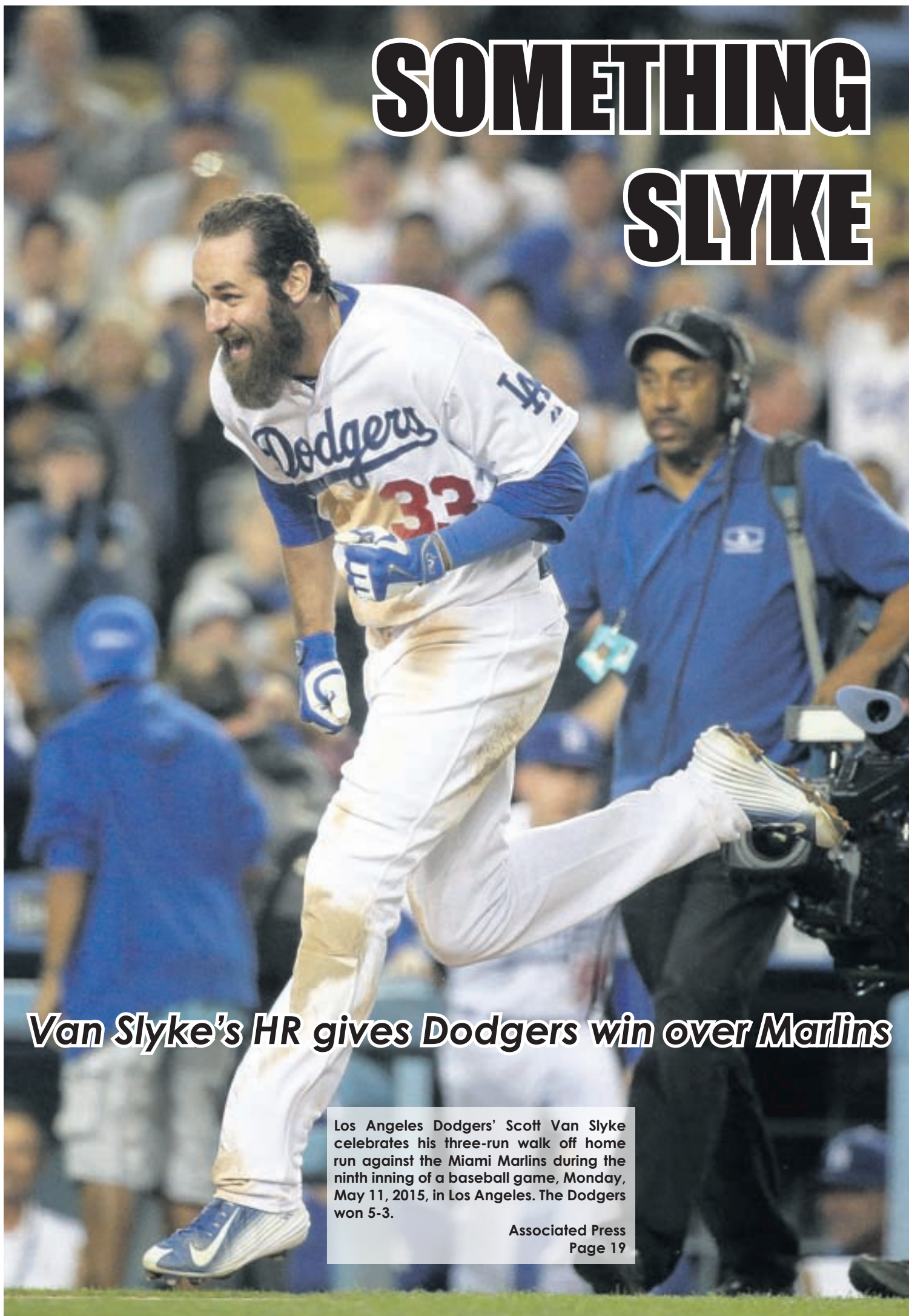
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Van Slyke's HR gives Dodgers win over Marlins

Los Angeles Dodgers' Scott Van Slyke celebrates his three-run walk off home run against the Miami Marlins during the ninth inning of a baseball game, Monday, May 11, 2015, in Los Angeles. The Dodgers won 5-3.

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APNewsBreak: MLB pumps up ball security after Tom Brady flap

BEN WALKER

AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Even before Tom Brady was penalized, Major League Baseball boosted its prevent defense.

As part of a new security plan this season to further safeguard game balls, an MLB representative now watches them get carried by a clubhouse assistant from the umpires' room to the field.

And if the supply of eight dozen or so runs low during a game, an MLB security person is sent to retrieve more.

In the past, a ball boy or ball girl did those jobs alone.

"We can't deflate 'em," Yankees pitcher CC Sabathia said Sunday. "It's precautionary, I guess."

MLB said many changes in the pumped-up policy for ball security and storage were discussed by equipment managers last December at the winter meetings. That was more than a month before Brady and the New England Patriots were accused of deflating footballs in the AFC championship game. MLB said it was aware of the Patriots' situation as it put the procedures into effect on opening day at every stadium.

Brady was suspended for four games by the NFL on Monday for his role in the scandal. The Patriots were fined \$1 million and also lost two future draft picks. As for any copycat in the majors, Boston Red Sox manager John Farrell joked



In this April 13, 2015, file photo, New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady throws the ceremonial first pitch as Patriots coach Bill Belichick watches prior to the Boston Red Sox's home-opener baseball game against the Washington Nationals at Fenway Park in Boston.

Associated Press

that it was unlikely.

"Baseballs are solid," he said.

There have been plenty of pitchers who have tried to doctor balls, with mixed results.

Hall of Famer Gaylord Perry made a living of throwing greased-up balls that could do tricks. Yankees righty Michael Pineda was suspended last year for using pine tar to get a better grip. Joe Niekro was penalized nearly three decades ago for carrying an emery board to scuff the ball. Nothing like taking the air out of them, though. Former English Premier League and World Cup

referee Howard Webb, now the technical director of the body that oversees match officials in English soccer, said he made a point of checking the ball before it got used.

"I knew if I didn't and a player complained about the pressure of the ball, I wouldn't be able to say with certainty that the ball was fine," Webb said. "So I would always check it and make sure it was in that range that I knew players would accept."

The balls that Rawlings supplies to major league clubs are fairly standard. "Obviously, there's not as much that you can do to

baseballs," Los Angeles Angels pitcher C.J. Wilson said. "I mean, you can't change the density of the baseball at any point — unless you dunk them in water. Then they're going to be 9 ounces, and everyone's going to blow their arms out."

Game balls weigh between 5 ounces and 5 1/4.

"If you're playing on turf and a guy hits a screaming one-hopper to the shortstop, it's going to have a huge scuff on it. Certain pitchers can create an advantage with that, so that's why they throw those baseballs out," Wilson said.

Hoping to avoid a seamy

situation, MLB sent a memo to all 30 teams before opening day with a nine-step procedure on ball handling. Along with the policy on storage — around 70 degrees, about 50 percent humidity — there were guidelines on chain of command.

More than a decade ago, the Colorado Rockies put a humidor at Coors Field to preserve the balls, trying to counter the effects of the mile-high atmosphere.

Across the majors, home teams store the new balls during the season, and the umpires' clubhouse attendants usually rub up nearly 100 for each game. When they're taken to the field, an MLB authenticator follows them. That person is a current or former member of law enforcement hired by an outside company to document balls and other game-used items, often to be sold or given to charities.

If the ball supply is running out, a Resident Security Agent gets more. The RSAs also have police backgrounds and are hired by MLB.

The plate umpire keeps several new balls in a pouch. When he needs more, he signals to the ball boys and ball girls. The ump puts each one in play, occasionally tossing out a ball before it ever gets into the game.

"I'd say a ball averages only two pitches, and not too many things can happen when you foul a pitch into the stands," Wilson said. □



NL Capsules

Van Slyke's 3-run homer in 9th lifts Dodgers

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Scott Van Slyke hit a three-run homer in the bottom of the ninth inning to give Los Angeles a victory over Miami. Two innings after throwing out a runner at home plate to complete a double play, Van Slyke connected off struggling closer Steve Cishek.

Christian Yelich gave the Marlins a 3-2 lead in the top of the ninth with a two-run homer off rookie Yimi Garcia before Cishek (1-3) allowed a one-out walk to Yasmani Grandal and a single by Andre Ethier.

Van Slyke handed Cishek his fourth blown save in seven opportunities.

J.P. Howell (2-1) got the win after retiring former Dodger Dee Gordon with the bases loaded.

Zack Greinke went seven innings for the Dodgers, lowering his ERA to 1.52. He has not lost in 15 starts since Aug. 9, 2014, against Milwaukee.

Marcell Ozuna also homered for Miami.

PIRATES 4, PHILLIES 3

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Gerrit Cole pitched seven effective innings and Starling Marte hit a three-run homer as Pittsburgh beat Philadelphia.

Cole (5-1) allowed two runs and six hits, shaking off his first loss in 10 starts with another good outing. The right-hander had won four straight before Wednesday's 3-0 home loss to Cincinnati.

Making his first start at hitter-friendly Citizens Bank Park, Cole improved 5-0 with a 2.36 ERA in his last seven road outings. The Pirates have won four of five overall, and seven of eight against the Phillies dating



Los Angeles Dodgers' Scott Van Slyke scores on a single hit by Joc Pederson during the seventh inning of a baseball game against the Miami Marlins, Monday, May 11, 2015, in Los Angeles.

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to last season.

Odubel Herrera hit his first major league homer in the ninth off Mark Melancon, who held on for his eighth save. Philadelphia (11-22) has dropped 10 of 13. Jerome Williams (2-3) lasted five innings, giving up three runs and four hits.

CUBS 4, METS 3

CHICAGO (AP) — Kris Bryant and Anthony Rizzo homered on consecutive pitches in the first inning, leading Jon Lester and Chicago over New York.

Lester (3-2) allowed three runs in six innings, and three relievers from Chicago's

struggling bullpen closed it out. Hector Rondon finished for his seventh save.

The Cubs opened the bleachers in left and center for the first time this season at Wrigley Field, and Bryant provided a stirring welcome with a two-run shot for the prized rookie's first homer at the cozy neighborhood ballpark.

Rizzo followed with a drive to right against Jacob deGrom (3-4), who was charged with four runs in five innings.

The outfield seating had been closed to the public while work continued on

renovations for the aging facility.

Lucas Duda and Wilmer Flores hit consecutive homers for New York.

BRAVES 2, REDS 1

CINCINNATI (AP) — Pinch-hitter Phil Gosselin singled off Aroldis Chapman to open the ninth, stole a base and scored on the closer's wild pitch, rallying Atlanta past Cincinnati.

The Braves snapped a three-game losing streak and sent Cincinnati's best reliever to his second loss in two days.

Chapman (1-2) also gave up a ninth-inning run during

a 4-3 loss to the White Sox on Sunday — the first run he had allowed all season.

Luis Avilan (1-0) retired all three batters in the eighth. Jim Johnson got his second save.

Andrelton Simmons ended Mike Leake's scoreless streak at 19 innings when he led off the fourth with a homer.

NATIONALS 11, DIAMONDBACKS 1

PHOENIX (AP) — Denard Span and Ryan Zimmerman homered in the first inning as Washington rolled to its fifth victory in a row with a rout of Arizona. □

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GS ties series at 2-2, rout Grizzlies 101-84

The Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tennessee (AP)

— Stephen Curry scored 21 of his 33 points by halftime as the Golden State Warriors ended its two-game losing streak Monday by routing the Memphis Grizzlies 101-84 to level the NBA Western Conference semi-final at 2-2.

The Warriors hadn't lost three straight games all season, and they never came close as they took back home-court advantage. Curry hadn't scored more than 23 points in this series, and he nearly had that by halftime.

Draymond Green had 16 points and 10 rebounds for the Warriors while Klay Thompson had 15 points, Harrison Barnes 12 and Andre Iguodala 11.

Marc Gasol had 19 points and 10 rebounds for Memphis while Zach Randolph had 12 points and 11 rebounds. Mike Conley finished

with 10 points and seven assists but was 4 of 15 from the field. Memphis pulled its starters with 3:00 left.

Game 5 is Wednesday night at Golden State.

The Warriors led by as many as 26 points, and they had their best game shooting outside the arc knocking down 14 3s.

Hawks 106, Wizards 101

In Washington, Paul Pierce missed a 3-point attempt that would have leveled scores for the Wizards with less than 10 seconds left, just two days after hitting a buzzer-beater to win Game 3.

Atlanta and Washington are also even at 2-2 in their second-round playoff after Jeff Teague scored 26 points, including a key 3-pointer, to lead the Hawks over the Wizards 106-101.

Al Horford had 18 points and 10 rebounds, and Paul



Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry (30) celebrates his three point shot against the Memphis Grizzlies in the second half of Game 4 of a second-round NBA basketball Western Conference playoff series Monday, May 11, 2015, in Memphis, Tenn.

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Millsap added 19 points, six assists and five rebounds.

Washington point guard John Wall missed a third consecutive game with a broken left hand.

Game 5 is Wednesday night at Atlanta.

The Hawks led most of the game, but Washington cut the deficit to 101-97 with under 2 minutes remaining. Teague's 3-pointer with 72 seconds left got the margin back to seven.

Still, after Washington's Bradley Beal blocked a shot by Dennis Schroder in the lane to keep Atlanta's lead at 104-101, the Wizards had the ball and called a timeout with 9.5 seconds remaining. They got Pierce an open look at a 3, but it went off the rim. Beal had a career playoff-high 34 points, seven assists and six rebounds, and Pierce had 22 points, including five of Washington's 12 3-pointers. □

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The total figures to be around \$400 million after satellite TV and cable systems take their cut, meaning Mayweather — who is his own promoter — could walk away with \$240 million for his night's work. Pacquiao would share in the other \$160 million with promoter Bob Arum.

The Nevada Athletic Commission says the live gate for the fight was a record \$72,198,500, far eclipsing the previous mark of \$20 million set by Mayweather and Alvarez. The fight also did another \$50 million or so in foreign sales, sponsorships and related income. It also sold 46,000 closed



In this May 2, 2015 file photo, Manny Pacquiao, left, from the Philippines, trades blows with Floyd Mayweather Jr., during their welterweight title fight in Las Vegas.

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circuit seats at various MGM Grand operated hotels in the Las Vegas area at \$150 a ticket, and was sold to more than 5,000 bars, restaurants and other businesses throughout the United States.

However, the fight had some technical problems for last-minute buyers and was seen for free by thousands on services like Twitter's Periscope and Meerkat, which stream video to the Internet. "To do almost twice what the prior record was and nearly triple the previous high water mark for revenue is really something," Stephen Espinoza, executive VP and GM of Showtime Sports said. "I thought we would be doing very well if we got to 3 million buys, which would have broken the record by 20 percent." □

AL Capsules

Orioles hit 3 HRs in return home, beat Blue Jays 5-2

The Associated Press

BALTIMORE (AP) — Manny Machado and Chris Davis hit first-inning homers, and Ubaldo Jimenez had a season-high nine strikeouts over seven sharp innings as the Orioles celebrated their return to Baltimore with a 5-2 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays on Monday night. Adam Jones also homered for the Orioles, who had lost five of six to fall into last place in the AL East. Because of rioting and violence in the city, the Orioles last played in front of their home fans on April 26. Enjoying the comfort of familiar surroundings and fueled by a spirited crowd of 20,468, Baltimore took a quick 3-0 lead and cruised to the finish behind Jimenez (3-2).

In their previous game at Camden Yards, the Orioles won on April 29 behind closed doors, a decision made for fan safety. Although the atmosphere in the city remains tense, the fans appeared delighted to turn their attention toward baseball. Wearing "Baltimore" on their home white jerseys instead of the customary "Orioles," the home team provided many a feel-good moment. Zach Britton got three outs for his seventh save. Marco Estrada (1-2) took the loss.

YANKEES 11, RAYS 5

ST. PETERSBURG, Florida (AP) — CC Sabathia won for the first time in more than a year as Alex Rodriguez hit one of five New York homers against Tampa Bay. Sabathia (1-5) allowed four runs in seven innings to stop a nine-start winless streak since a victory over Boston on April 24, 2014. The lefty missed most of last season with a knee injury. Rodriguez put the Yankees up 1-0 on his eighth hom-

er this season and 662nd overall, a long drive to left field in the first. A-Rod was hit on the arm by Erasmo Ramirez's pitch in the ninth and scored when Mark Teixeira hit a two-run homer. Chase Headley, Carlos Beltran and Brett Gardner also homered for the Yankees, who have won all four games this season at Tropicana Field and are 6-1 overall against the Rays.

Logan Forsythe homered and drove in three runs for the Rays.

Headley and Gardner each had a three-run shot off Alex Colome (2-1).

RED SOX 5, ATHLETICS 4, 11 INNINGS

OAKLAND, California (AP) — Pablo Sandoval homered leading off the 11th inning for Boston in his return to the Bay Area, where he won three championships with the San Francisco Giants. Sandoval just cleared the fence in right on an 0-2 pitch from Angel Castro (0-1) for his fourth homer of the year and second in two days, helping the Red Sox win consecutive games for the first time since April 20-21.

Matt Barnes (1-0) pitched two innings for the win. Oakland lost its sixth straight and fell to a major league-worst 0-6 in extra innings this season. The A's are 1-11 in one-run games. They have their longest skid since dropping nine in a row in 2012.

Sandoval received his latest World Series ring from Giants manager Bruce Bochy on Sunday night at the Red Sox team hotel.

RANGERS 8, ROYALS 2

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Adrian Beltre hit his 399th home run and newcomer Thomas Field hit his first as the Texas Rangers beat weary Kansas City. Prince Fielder also homered

for the Rangers to back Colby Lewis (3-2), who beat the Royals for the first time since 2003 by limiting them to one run and three hits over seven innings. The defending AL champions didn't arrive in Texas until about 5:45 a.m. Monday after their 10-inning, rain-delayed victory at Detroit that ended after midnight.

Danny Duffy (2-2), who traveled ahead of his teammates, matched his career high with six walks while pitching only 3 2-3 innings. He gave up six runs and five hits.

Beltre homered for the second time in two days. His two-run shot tied him with Al Kaline and Andres Galaraga for 52nd place on the career list.

BREWERS 10, WHITE SOX 7

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Elian Herrera and pinch-hitter Khris Davis homered in the eighth inning to help Milwaukee hold off Chicago. Herrera, filling in at third base for injured Aramis Ramirez, homered for the second straight night. His two-run shot off reliever Zach Duke (1-2) broke a 7-all tie.

The Brewers squandered a 6-0 lead. Adam Eaton's two-out RBI single off Jonathan Broxton (1-0) tied the score at 7 in the eighth inning.

Francisco Rodriguez earned his seventh save. Carlos Gomez homered and tripled for Milwaukee in his first game this season as the cleanup hitter.

White Sox starter Jeff Samardzija was tagged for eight hits and seven runs — five earned — in six innings. In other AL games it was Baltimore 5, Toronto 2; N.Y. Yankees 11, Tampa Bay 5; Milwaukee 10, Chicago White Sox 7; Texas 8, Kansas City 2; Boston 5, Oakland 4, 11 innings. □



Baltimore Orioles' Manny Machado rounds the bases after hitting a solo-home run in the first inning of a baseball game against the Toronto Blue Jays, Monday, May 11, 2015, in Baltimore. Baltimore won 5-2.

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By: Dr Carlos Viana

With my eyes closed my airplane instructor twists and turns the plane so that it is not flying level. This is a classic "unusual attitude" training every pilot needs to repeat to stay a safe pilot. I groan as I fight to keep from vomiting my breakfast. "OK, open your eyes and straighten the aircraft", orders my instructor. I open my eyes to find my instructor has covered my airplane instruments. Not good my instincts scream. Facing out to sea I cannot tell the difference between sky and ocean and my brain is telling me we are turning left. The seconds tick off as I try to adjust the aircraft to what I feel is going on. "Now", I say implying that I think I have control of the airplane to my instructor as he uncovers my airplane instruments. As I look at my instruments. I am headed into the ground turning slowly in a classic flying problem, called the "graveyard spiral". I have done this maneuver before and I know that in a spinning cockpit I have to trust my instruments even though my sense of balance, coming from my

middle ear is telling me different. I line up the plane according to my instruments and start feeling a sensation of whirling or tilting that causes a loss of balance, a dizziness that puts my stomach wanting to give up breakfast. "Vertigo", I complain as my instructor intently watches to make sure I have regained composure of both the plane and myself. Vertigo from Latin that means "whirling about" describes a medical condition in which somebody feels the sensation of dizziness with the room spinning. Dizziness is an indistinct term which describes a variety of conditions ranging from lightheadedness, unsteadiness to vertigo and spans a large range of symptoms. These symptoms range from the most dramatic, vertigo, to the least severe, imbalance. Included in these feelings is fainting, which results in a loss of consciousness.

As a private pilot I know it is the sensory system located in the inner ear that helps the body to maintain balance. Balance in the human body is coordinated by the brainstem, which collects information from other parts of the brain and sensory organs throughout the body. The sensory organs that play critical roles relaying information to the brain-stem include the skin, eyes, muscles and joints, and the vestibular system in the inner ear. Dizziness may result with dysfunction in any of these components or in the nerves that connect

them.

French physician Prosper Mènière described Mènière's disease as having four particular symptoms: vertigo lasting for an hour or more, but less than 24 hours; ringing or buzzing sounds in the ear; feeling of pressure or fullness in the ear; and some hearing loss. Some people are affected in both ears; others just one ear. Onset of Mènière's is sometimes related to stress. Regular medicine usually looks for problems with the inner ear for dizzy symptoms. However, most people that we see have been dizzy for more than a couple of days. As a Traditional Chinese Medical (TCM) physician I know the liver is involved in many problems with dizziness. The liver detoxifies our blood and an overworked liver produces a condition that we call "liver fire"; whose symptoms are dizziness, pain on the sides of the head at the temples, a sensation that you are choking, heart palpitations, and stomach upset. People with liver fire usually have a green hue around their mouths, wake up around 3:00am and get angry easily. Lifestyle choices, including eating processed foods, taking pharmaceutical or other drugs, working or living with chemicals, bombardment of EMF's (electrometric fields) and not getting enough exercise all contribute to our toxic overload, making it impossible for our livers to work efficiently.

Interestingly, historically

this condition was known here in Aruba and was called 'madder". TCM views a healthy Liver as "The General" who sends energy in the form of fluid to various parts of the body. If the General's "palace," the liver, is on fire, the chain of command is broken. Menstrual flow becomes heavy or "reckless" and menstrual problems; bladder and painful lower stomachs develop. Although, sexual desire drops, satisfying sexual activity is a great way to help "calm" the Liver. In our clinic we have found acupuncture treatments to be fantastic in improving a "hot" Liver, therefore helping dizzy symptoms. Milk Thistle, Astragalus root, Black Cohosh root, Don Quai Root, Red Clover and Rhodiola root as well as Evening Primrose Oil are beneficial herbs and oils for the liver. You improve liver function by slowing down alcohol consumption, exercising and eating natural food that is good for your metabolic type and prepare food that has not been fried, helps dramatically.

Get The Point! Modern life can affect our body's equilibrium, particularly because of the toxins we are exposed to every day in our air, water and food. Additionally, sedentary lifestyle, chemicals, medicines, electrometric fields from computers, electrical transformers and cell phone towers all affect our balance. The right diet, acupuncture and herbs

can help our body regain control of the spinning room. After you and you have explored possible infections of your inner ear, ruled out anemia, brain tumors, stroke, migraines, epilepsy, or multiple sclerosis, all which may result in feelings of dizziness; come in to have a TCM liver evaluation. Let us help you cool the fire in your body's palace and stop the whirling room.q

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Samsung announces new push into Internet-connected gadgets

BRANDON BAILEY

AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Samsung wants to sell the digital brains that will go into billions of "smart" home appliances, industrial sensors and other Internet-connected gadgets — even if the gadgets aren't made by Samsung.

At a technology conference Tuesday in San Francisco, the South Korean company unveiled a new line of tiny electronic components that combine low-power computer chips, transmitters and software. Manufacturers can build the components into everything from televisions to parking meters to orthopedic shoes.

The new Artik components are key to Samsung's goal of becoming a major player in the so-called "Internet of Things," the tech industry's buzzword for the notion that all kinds of electronic devices can be connected over the Internet. This could be a \$3 trillion industry in the next



In this April 29, 2015 file photo, visitors walk by the logo of Samsung Electronics Co. at its showroom in Seoul, South Korea.

Associated Press

five years, analysts at International Data Corp. have estimated.

Samsung is going after that market at a time when earnings from its core smartphone business have sagged in the face of challenges from Apple and upstart Chinese phone mak-

ers. Samsung also makes other electronic components, TVs, refrigerators and other home appliances.

Company President Young Sohn declined to be specific when asked how big Samsung hopes the Artik business will become. But he noted that analysts

have estimated there will be billions of Internet-connected gadgets and machines in coming years.

"Those numbers are subject to change, but anything that is in the billions. I will take that," Sohn said with a laugh.

Other companies also want a piece of that market. Chipmakers Intel and

Qualcomm are also making energy-efficient processors for the coming wave of connected gadgets. IBM, Hewlett-Packard and Cisco want to sell systems for collecting and analyzing data from those gadgets.

Samsung said it will use the Artik components in all the home appliances it makes, but the company hopes other manufacturers will use them too. Sohn said the components are designed to be compatible with other systems. Samsung's SmartThings division also announced a new Internet-based platform that other companies can use to create programs and track data collected from smart devices.

In demonstration videos, Samsung showed the ARTIK components being used in motion sensors designed for orthopedic patients to wear on their shoes, allowing therapists to monitor their walking ability, and in devices that farmers can use to monitor moisture levels in the soil. □

JPMorgan to convert Chase cards to chip technology

By KEN SWEET

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) --

JPMorgan Chase will replace all of its customers' debit cards with more secure chip-based cards nationwide, the bank said Tuesday, and expects to have chips on 70 percent of its debit cards by the end of 2015.

Chase is the latest U.S. bank to convert its debit cards from those with the traditional magnetic stripe to chip cards, which look like regular bank cards but

have a metal chip embedded in them. The chip adds additional encryption technology to the card, and when used correctly makes it more difficult to steal information and use a stolen credit card for fraud.

Customers who do not already have a Chase chip debit or Liquid card will receive one in the mail during the next 12 months, Chase said. It already embeds chips into most of its new credit card products. The bank is also upgrading its ATMs to accept chip cards,

it said.

The chip technology on payment cards has been common in other countries, particularly in Europe, but is expected to become the default option in the U.S. in coming years. The transition has come partly as a result of a series of high-profile data hackings and increased the focus on security among large companies, especially banks. Bank of America began converting its debit cards to chip-based cards in October 2014. □



Verizon barges into online video, buying AOL for \$4.4B

NEW YORK (AP) — Verizon is buying AOL for about \$4.4 billion, advancing the telecom's push in both mobile and advertising fields.

The acquisition gives Verizon an entry into increasingly competitive online and mobile video. The New York company is the country's largest wireless carrier as well as an Internet and TV provider — and wireless video and targeted advertising is seen as the next battleground for customers.

The move comes as the media landscape is increasingly being disrupted on several fronts as more TV watchers stream shows online and through their smartphones and tablets. AOL offers an advertising sales and display network that made it an acquisition target.

"AOL's focus on unifying the advertising experience across display, video, mobile and TV makes it an attractive asset because advertisers are looking for better ways to reach their audience across screens," said Lauren Fisher, analyst at eMarketer. "Coupled with Verizon's existing mobile (and streaming video) presence, the companies' combined ad offerings mean massive cross-screen reach with much richer au-



In this Dec. 10, 2009 file photo, AOL Chairman and CEO Tim Armstrong, center, applauds during opening bell ceremonies of the New York Stock Exchange. Associated Press

dience data."

Increasingly, companies like Verizon and Google are looking to connect together the video and other content viewers want, the digital "pipes" that deliver the content and the advertising networks that support it.

Verizon said last month that it was preparing to launch a video service over the summer for mobile devices. It also recently began offering various levels of cable

service rather than one big cable package, which has been the norm.

That has put Verizon at odds with major content companies like ESPN as it sees more customers cut the cord in favor of video that is streamed online.

Verizon will gain access to AOL's advanced advertising technology, including its "One by AOL" integrated platform. AOL reported a 7 percent boost in revenue during its first quarter,

mainly on strong global advertising sales.

It also gains control over significant AOL content, including cultural and political website The Huffington Post, and also TechCrunch. AOL is the nation's fourth-largest online property with about 200 million monthly consumers of its premium brands, according to its website.

Verizon Communications Inc. will pay \$50 in cash for each share of AOL Inc.,

also based in New York, a 15 percent premium to its closing price on Monday.

"Verizon's vision is to provide customers with a premium digital experience based on a global multi-screen network platform," said chairman and CEO Lowell McAdam in a printed statement.

The deal is expected to close this summer. Tim Armstrong, AOL chairman and CEO, will continue to lead that company.

Verizon has 108.6 million wireless customers, 5.7 million FiOS video subscribers and 6.7 million Internet subscribers. It operates in 150 countries. During its most recent quarter, it saw wireless subscribers grow by 4.8 percent, while FiOS Internet customers grew 36 percent. FiOS cable customers grew 58 percent. AOL has evolved since its early days as an Internet company with the familiar phrase "You've got mail." It started out as Quantum Computer Services in 1985 and was renamed America Online in 1991. By 1996, it reached 5 million members. As AOL grew larger, it began to make acquisitions. It purchased CompuServe and ICQ in 1998 and Moviefone and Netscape the next year. In 2000, it acquired MapQuest. □



Specialists Glenn Carell, left, and Michael Pistillo, center, consult on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Tuesday, May 12, 2015. U.S. stocks are opening lower following declines in European markets. Associated Press

ALEX VEIGA
AP Business Writer

A spike in long-term interest rates rattled investors Tuesday, nudging major U.S. stock indexes lower for the second day in a row.

The market nearly clawed back all the way from an early slump that dragged the Dow Jones industrial average down as much as 180 points in the first half-hour of trading. The price of oil closed above

U.S. stocks edge lower amid bond market volatility

\$60 a barrel for just the third time this year, giving a boost to energy stocks. Traders around the world have been selling off government bonds in recent weeks. That trend accelerated on Tuesday, bringing down bond prices and, in turn, driving up the benchmark U.S. bond yield to the highest level since late November. Weakness in bond prices pushes up the cost of borrowing, including mortgages and other loans, which can act as drag on the economy.

"A dramatic increase in yields brought our market down in the morning, and as the pressure on the

bonds eased up the stock market came back," said David Chalupnik, head of equities at Nuveen Asset Management.

The Dow fell 36.94 points, or 0.2 percent, to 18,068.23. The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 6.21 points, or 0.3 percent, to 2,099.12. The Nasdaq composite slid 17.38 points, or 0.4 percent, to 4,976.19. The three indexes are up for the month and year.

The indexes headed lower as soon as regular trading opened on Tuesday, following declines in European markets as the bond market sell-off sent yields higher.

The yield on the 10-year German government bond rose to 0.67 percent from 0.61 percent the day before. It traded as low as 0.08 percent last month.

In the U.S., the yield on the 10-year Treasury note surged as high as 2.36 percent. The selling eased by late afternoon and the yield fell to 2.25 percent, down from 2.28 percent late Monday. The yield was below 2 percent as recently as April 28.

"Bonds had been at such lofty prices that a sell-off was somewhat expected," said Chris Gaffney, president of EverBank World Markets. □

Our Biased Brains



Nicholas Kristof

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To better understand the roots of racial division in America, think about this:

The human brain seems to be wired so that it categorizes people by race in the first one-fifth of a second after seeing a face. Brain scans show that even when people are told to sort people by gender, the brain still groups people by race.

Racial bias also begins astonishingly early: Even infants often show a preference for their own racial group. In one study, 3-month-old white infants were shown photos of faces of white adults and black adults; they preferred the faces of whites. For 3-month-old black infants living in Africa, it was the reverse.

This preference reflected what the child was accustomed to. Black infants living in overwhelmingly white Israel didn't show a strong preference one way or the other, according to the study, published in *Psychological Science*.

Where does this ingrained propensity to racial bias come from?

Scholars suggest that in evolutionary times we became hard-wired to make instantaneous judgments about whether someone is in our "in group" or not - because that could be life-saving. A child who didn't prefer his or her own group might have been at risk of being clubbed to death.

"It's a feature of evolution," says Mahzarin Banaji, a Harvard psychology professor who co-developed tests of unconscious biases. These suggest that people turn out to have subterranean racial and gender biases that they are unaware of and even disapprove of.

I've written about unconscious bias before, and I encourage you to test yourself at implicit.harvard.edu. It's sobering to discover that whatever you believe intellectually, you're biased about race, gender, age or disability.

What's particularly dispiriting is that this unconscious bias among whites toward blacks seems just as great among pre-schoolers as among senior citizens.

Banaji's research projects show that unconscious racial bias turns up in children as soon as they have the verbal skills to be tested for it, at about age 4. The degree of unconscious bias then

seems pretty constant: In tests, this unconscious bias turns out to be roughly the same for a 4- or 6-year-old as for a senior citizen who grew up in more racially oppressive times.

In one set of experiments, children as young as about 4 were shown ambiguous photos of people who could be white or Asian. In some, the people in the photos were smiling; in others, they were frowning.

White American children disproportionately judged that the people who were smiling were white and that those who were frowning were Asian. When the experiment was conducted in Taiwan with exactly the same photos, Taiwanese children thought that the faces when smiling were Asian, when frowning were white.

The American children were also shown faces that were ambiguous as to whether the person was white or black. In those cases, white children disproportionately thought that the smiling people were white and the frowning ones were black.

Many of these experiments on in-group bias have been conducted around the world, and almost every ethnic group shows a bias favoring its own. One exception: African-Americans.

Researchers find that in contrast to other groups, African-Americans do not have an unconscious bias toward their own. From young children to adults, they are essentially neutral and favor neither whites nor blacks.

Banaji and other scholars suggest that this is because even young African-American children somehow absorb the social construct that white skin is prestigious and that black skin isn't. In one respect, that is unspeakably sad; in another, it's a model of unconscious race neutrality. Yet even if we humans have evolved to have a penchant for racial preferences from a very young age, this is not destiny. We can resist the legacy that evolution has bequeathed us.

"We wouldn't have survived if our ancestors hadn't developed bodies that store sugar and fat," Banaji says. "What made them survive is what kills us." Yet we fight the battle of the bulge and sometimes win - and, likewise, we can resist a predisposition for bias against other groups.

One strategy that works is seeing images of heroic African-Americans; afterward, whites and Asians show less bias, a study found. Likewise, hearing a story in which a black person rescues someone from a white assailant reduces anti-black bias in subsequent testing. It's not clear how long this effect lasts.

Deep friendships, especially romantic relationships with someone of another race, also seem to mute bias - and that, too, has implications for bringing young people together to forge powerful friendships.

"If you actually have friendships across race lines, you probably have fewer biases," Banaji says. "These are learned, so they can be unlearned." □



Triumph of the Unthinking



Paul Krugman

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"Words," wrote John Maynard Keynes, "ought to be a little wild, for they are the assault of thoughts on the unthinking." I've always loved that quote, and have tried to apply it to my own writing. But I have to admit that in the long slump that followed the 2008 financial crisis - a slump that we had both the tools and the knowledge to end quickly, but didn't - the unthinking were quite successful in fending off unwelcome thoughts.

And nowhere was the triumph of inanity more complete than in Keynes' homeland, which is going to the polls as I write this. Britain's election should be a referendum on a failed economic doctrine, but it isn't, because nobody with influence is challenging transparently false claims and bad ideas.

Before I bash the Brits, however, let me admit that we've done pretty badly ourselves.

It began very early. President Barack Obama inherited an economy in free fall; what we needed, above all, was more spending to support demand. Yet much of Obama's inaugural address was given over to boilerplate about the need to make hard choices, which was the last thing we needed right then.

It's true that in practice Obama pushed through a stimulus that, while too small and short-lived, helped diminish the depth and

duration of the slump. But when Republicans began talking nonsense, declaring that the government should match the belt-tightening of ordinary families - a recipe for full-on depression - Obama didn't challenge their position. Instead, within a few months the very same nonsense became a standard line in his speeches, even though his economists knew better, and so did he.

So I guess we shouldn't be too harsh on Ed Miliband, the leader of Britain's Labour Party, for failing to challenge the economic nonsense peddled by the Conservatives. Like Obama and company, Labour's leaders probably know better, but have decided that it's too hard to overcome the easy appeal of bad economics, especially when most of the British news media report this bad economics as truth. But it has still been deeply disheartening to watch. What nonsense am I talking about? Simon Wren-Lewis of the University of Oxford, who has been a tireless but lonely crusader for economic sense, calls it "mediamacro." It's a story about Britain that runs like this: First, the Labour government that ruled Britain until 2010 was wildly irresponsible, spending far beyond its means. Second, this fiscal profligacy caused the economic crisis of 2008-09. Third, this in turn left the coalition that took power in 2010 with no choice except to impose austerity policies despite the depressed state of the economy. Finally, Britain's return to economic growth in 2013 vindicated austerity and proved its critics wrong. Now, every piece of this story is demonstrably, ludicrously wrong. Pre-crisis Britain wasn't fiscally profligate. Debt and deficits were low, and at the time everyone expected them to stay that way; big deficits only arose as a result of the crisis. The crisis, which was a global phenomenon, was driven

by runaway banks and private debt, not government deficits. There was no urgency about austerity: financial markets never showed any concern about British solvency. And Britain, which returned to growth only after a pause in the austerity drive, has made up none of the ground it lost during the coalition's first two years.

Yet this nonsense narrative completely dominates news reporting, where it is treated as a fact rather than a hypothesis. And Labour hasn't tried to push back, probably because they considered this a political fight they couldn't win. But why?

Wren-Lewis suggests that it has a lot to do with the power of misleading analogies between governments and households, and also with the malign influence of economists working for the financial industry, who in Britain as in the United States constantly peddle scare stories about deficits and pay no price for being consistently wrong. If U.S. experience is any guide, my guess is that Britain also suffers from the desire of public figures to sound serious, a pose which they associate with stern talk about the need to make hard choices (at other people's expense, of course.)

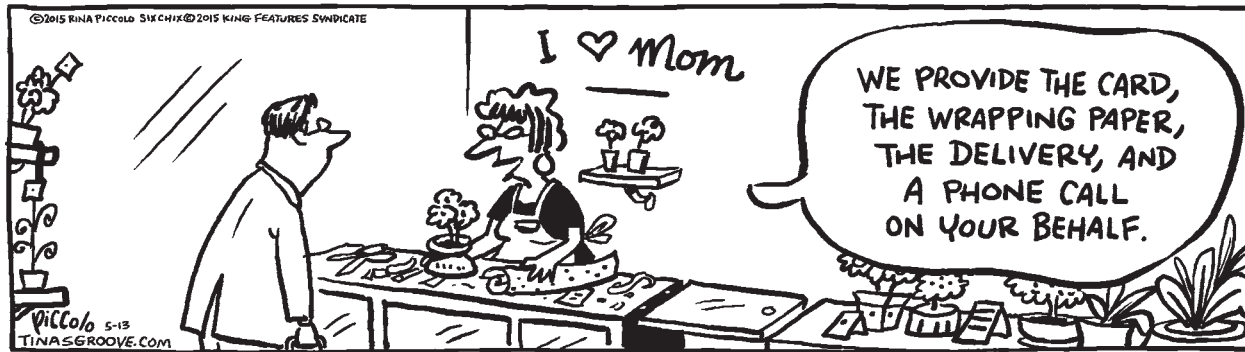
Still, it's quite amazing. The fact is that Britain and America didn't need to make hard choices in the aftermath of crisis. What they needed, instead, was hard thinking - a willingness to understand that this was a special environment, that the usual rules don't apply in a persistently depressed economy, one in which government borrowing doesn't compete with private investment and costs next to nothing.

But hard thinking has been virtually excluded from British public discourse. As a result, we just have to hope that whoever ends up running Britain's economy isn't as foolish as he pretends to be. □

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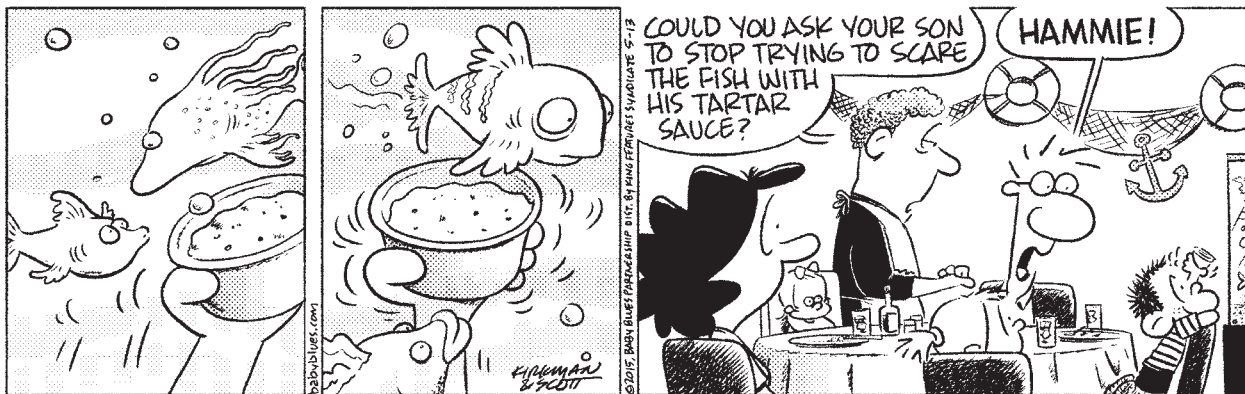
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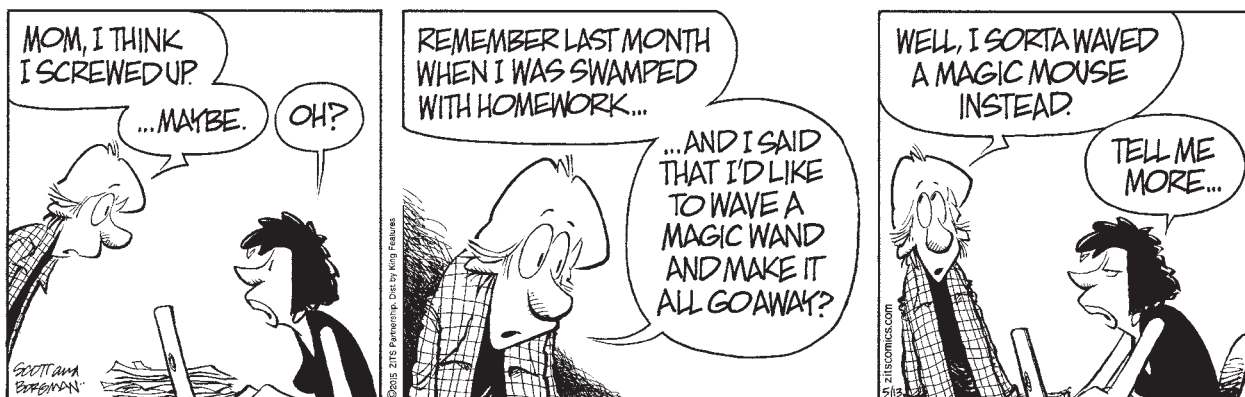
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

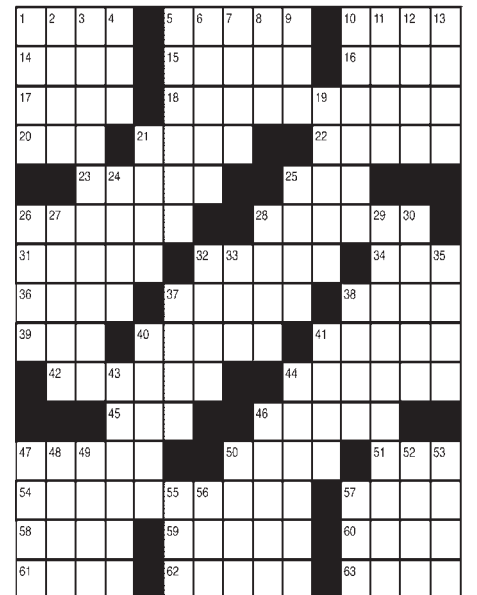
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ACROSS

- 1 ___ off; falls asleep
5 Salesman's pitch
10 No ifs, ___ or buts
14 Above
15 Ballroom dance
16 Boyfriend
17 Black, Yellow, Red and Dead
18 Sounds familiar
20 At the ___ of the day; ultimately
21 Has a bug
22 Actress Bo
23 Boulders
25 Promos
26 Sleeping pill
28 Company
31 Pre-Easter periods
32 Piano style
34 Groove
36 Chokes
37 Peach or plum
38 Actor Jamie ___
39 Biggest club
40 Broadway's "___ Your Wagon"
41 Wild dog of Australia
42 Wayward
44 Used foul language
45 Pack animal
46 Wynonna's ma
47 Royal decree
50 Cribbage pieces
51 That girl
54 Dilapidated; falling apart
57 Remain
58 Fisherman's hope
59 Keep a cooking turkey moist
60 Tiny skin hole
61 Quarrel
62 Nervous
63 Up in ___; irate

DOWN

- 1 Snout
2 Large kitchen appliance



Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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YOGI	ADVERSITY	
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A street light with a same gender pair is pictured in downtown Vienna, Austria, May 12, 2015. Associated Press

Vienna traffic signals go red and green, gay and straight

GEORGE JAHN
Associated Press

VIENNA (AP) — Some Vienna pedestrian traffic lights are suddenly not only red or green. They're also gay or straight.

And Austria's right-wing Freedom Party is livid.

Over the past few days, the city started setting up lights at pedestrian crossings that show pairs of figures instead of the usual stick men. Some depict a man and a woman. Others, two women. Still others, two men. All couples are complete with hearts.

The lights are being erected at 47 crossings and will stay up until June. Vienna hosts several events linked to tolerance during that time, including the Life Ball, Europe's biggest charity event for AIDS and HIV research, and the Eurovision Song Contest, won last year by Austrian cross-dressing pop star Conchita Wurst.

Pedestrians were neutral to positive when asked Tuesday whether they liked the concept.

"I think this is a great idea," said Clemens Bendtner. "The topic of equality and equal treatment is a very important issue, and it is getting some attention through the campaign." □

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Missouri site helping effort to repopulate U.S. wolves



In this photo take April 29, 2015, a red wolf named Don prowls his enclosure at the Endangered Wolf Center near Eureka, Mo., southwest of St. Louis.

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JIM SUHR

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EUREKA, Missouri (AP) — A secluded Missouri conservation center heralded for helping repopulate the wild with endangered wolves is

tending to its latest puppy season — a ritual that this time has a bittersweet vibe in the absence of the site's furry matriarch.

With 41 Mexican gray wolf pups to her credit until she

died on April 21, a day before her 14th birthday, Anna came to symbolize the Endangered Wolf Center's quest to save North America's rarest subspecies of gray wolf.

The center's staffers are mourning the loss of the prolific Anna, whose offspring came in just four litters over a five-year stretch to 2008, dwarfing the typical brood of four to seven. Yet, the St. Louis-area center presses on, championing an animal that at times is broadly vilified.

The Mexican wolf population in the Southwest once numbered in the thousands before being nearly wiped out by the 1970s, largely the result of more than a century of being hunted, trapped and poisoned by ranchers and others. Commonly known as "El Lobos," the Mexican gray was designated an endangered species in 1976 and was considered extinct in the wild until they were reintroduced in 1998.

The 110 said to be in the wild as of early 2014 — by Virginia Busch's account,

all of them with genetic ties to the center for which she is executive director — is up from 83 the previous year, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service said.

"To take something so close to extinction, breed several generations in captivity and establish a wild population, that's huge," said Maggie Dwire, the assistant Mexican gray wolf recovery coordinator for the federal agency. "We've been incredibly successful, but we still have a really long way to go."

The Eureka center's director of animal care and conservation, Regina Mossotti, said roughly 175 Mexican grays have been born at the center since 1980 — amounting to roughly 40 percent of Mexican grays birthed in captivity.

Anna did her part, enough to garner a feature in National Geographic for her birth rate that Busch called "genetically mind-boggling."

"That's why celebrating (Anna's) life and legacy is so important," Busch added. "This is an issue that so

many people don't have on their radar."

The nonprofit, which was founded in 1971 by zoologist Marlin Perkins, a late St. Louis native best known as the host of TV's "Mutual of Omaha Wild Kingdom," also has three dozen wolves, foxes and African painted dogs roaming enclosures on dozens of acres leased from Washington University.

"They used to reach all the way to Missouri," Busch said of the red wolves.

For Busch and others at the center, which touts itself as the nation's biggest holder of Mexican gray wolves, helping such animals battle back has been as much about education as it has been about breeding.

Over so many years of unfavorable depictions in everything from fairy tales to Hollywood horror films, Busch said, "there's been a pretty bad stain on the wolves — Little Red Riding Hood, wolves at the door, thrown to the wolves," all of it instilling fear about the loping animal that actually shuns humans. □

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Evie puts down smartphone in 'Love and Miss Communication'

LINCÉE RAY

Associated Press

Corporate lawyer Elyssa Friedland writes an honest love story with a bizarre twist in her debut novel, "Love and Miss Communication." Readers must consider one thought-provoking question: Could you remain offline for a year?

Evie Rosen's future is looking bright. She recently broke up with her celebrity boyfriend, but her professional life is thriving. Evie is well on her way to making partner at a prestigious law firm. Then her superiors discover how much time she spends on social me-

dia sites during office hours and she's fired. Evie finally acknowledges that she's become tethered to her electronic devices. She's addicted to Facebook and online dating sites. In a moment of determination, she decides to turn her back on digital technology.

Evie quickly realizes the grand gesture of tossing her computer into New York's Central Park reservoir and giving up Google isn't easy. Without tweets, status updates, pins and posts, she's forced to slow down and evaluate what's important.

Friedland's headstrong heroine guides readers through the process of digital detox. Do we have what it takes to truly unplug? According to Friedland, there is a happy medium. It's OK to live a life of hashtags as long as you don't limit yourself to 140 characters. □

This book cover image released by William Morrow shows "Love and Miss Communication," by Elyssa Friedland.

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With a nod to Eastwood, Fassbender goes West in 'Slow West'

JAKE COYLE
AP Film Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Michael Fassbender is cool and composed, calmly answering questions from a reporter, with one exception: when it's suggested he's not quite as severely serious as some of the films he's made.

"I would (expletive) hope not!" he exclaims, his head rolling back as he lets out a roar. "I hope definitely not. I like to keep myself fairly balanced. I suppose I have a short fuse with annoying things, like threading a needle. That's about as bad as I get. I try to put everything into my work and then enjoy my downtime with as little drama as possible."

Putting aside for a moment the question of whether Fassbender spends much time doing needlepoint, his response crystallizes something striking about the

38-year-old actor: Despite the deep, often dark places he goes for a character, he bounces back with the lightness of an Irish featherweight. When he's not playing a menacing slave owner or a hunger-striking Bobby Sands, Fassbender is easygoing and playful — certainly not brooding.

"Most people in the world do really hard jobs and they do them every day of the week. I live a pretty sort of privileged life," he says. "There's no place for me to go, 'Yeah, it was pretty difficult and it was psychologically wearing and blah blah blah.' Nobody should hear that or wants to hear that."

Lately, Fassbender's job has been expanding. He not only stars in the Western "Slow West," but it's also the first feature from his production company, DMC Films. In the film, which opens Friday, Fass-

bender plays a hardened bounty hunter, chewing on the same cigarillos Clint Eastwood munched on, who takes in a young romantic traveler (Kodi Smit-McPhee) from Scotland pursuing his love (Caren Pistorius).

For Fassbender, a fan of both Westerns and Eastwood, "Slow West" is his chance to put his own stamp on the genre. The New Zealand-shot film is the first feature by John Maclean, a member of the '90s experimental Scottish outfit the Beta Band, and it has some of his former band's unpredictable genre mixing. It's both a classical Western, in which people die gruesomely, and a fairy tale seen through the eyes of a naive young immigrant. Fassbender effectively bet on Maclean, making two short films with him before "Slow West."



In this April 30, 2015 photo, German-Irish actor Michael Fassbender poses for a portrait to promote his film, "Slow West" in New York. Associated Press

Kanye West, Nicki Minaj to perform at Billboard Awards



Rapper Kanye West performs during Game 4 in a second-round NBA basketball playoff series between the Cleveland Cavaliers and the Chicago Bulls in Chicago on Sunday, May 10, 2015. Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Kanye West and Nicki Minaj have been added to the list of performers for Sunday's Billboard Music Awards. Dick Clark Productions also announced Tuesday that Wiz Khalifa and Charlie Puth will perform their No. 1 hit remembering actor Paul Walker, "See You Again," at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas.

Imagine Dragons will pay tribute to the late Ben E. King by singing "Stand by Me," and Minaj will perform her latest hit with David Guetta, "Hey Mama." Previously announced performers include Mariah Carey, Britney Spears, Iggy Azalea, Ed Sheeran, Nick Jonas, Van Halen, Meghan Trainor, Little Big Town with Faith Hill and "Empire" cast members Jussie Smollett and Bryshere "Yazz" Gray.

The top nominee is Taylor Swift with 14.

The show will air on ABC starting at 8 p.m. Eastern. □

"It's nothing to do with any great, grand scheme of furthering his profile," says Maclean of his star. "He's much more interested in being intuited to the people he wants to work with and the scripts he wants to read."

"Slow West" heralds a shift for Fassbender, who's also producing an adaptation of the video game "Assassin's Creed," as he looks to broaden himself in the industry he's risen to the top of. "I don't want to become comfortable and complacent because then there's just no point in doing it anymore," he says. "Just trying to involve myself in more areas, I suppose. Maybe one day to get behind the camera at one point would be something I'd like to do. But whether it will ever happen is another matter. Who knows in a few years' time where my priorities will lie?" It's an open-ended question for one of the most in-demand actors in movies, whose upcoming films include a "Macbeth" adaptation and a Terrence

Malick film. He's been the go-to star for "12 Years a Slave" director Steve McQueen, whose "Hunger" (for which Fassbender shed 40 lbs. to play the I.R.A. activist Sands) was followed by the sex addiction drama "Shame." "12 Years a Slave" earned him his first Oscar nomination, but likely not his last.

"Slow West" is in line with the adventurous indies ("A Dangerous Method," "Fish Tank") that Fassbender has sometimes favored; last year, he spent nearly the entirety of the eccentric "Frank" with a papier-mâché head over his own. His success in bigger films, like "Prometheus" and the "X-Men" franchise, has opened many doors. The leaked Sony emails, however, revealed that not everyone has always been on board. In hunting for a star for a highly anticipated Steve Jobs biopic, screenwriter Aaron Sorkin questioned the casting of Fassbender: "I don't know who Michael Fassbender is and the rest of the world isn't going care." □

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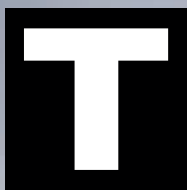
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